College ousts 2 basketball coaches

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Rylander takes on position

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

Both the head coach and assistant coach of the men's basketball team have had their contracts "terminated" by the college. Athletic co-ordinator Peter Rylander will fill the positions for the four remaining games in the season.

It is the first time a coach has been let go in mid-season at the college, Mr. Rylander said.

He said the reason for coach Steve Holman's expulsion was his third ejection of the season. He had repeatedly argued with an official in a Feb. 12 home game against Mohawk College. The Knights were down by almost 40 points and looking to drop their record to a miserable 2-14.

Assistant coach Bob Bedesky, who was not at the Feb. 12 game, had his contract terminated due to a poor rapport with the players, Mr. Rylander said.

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Mr. Rylander, who made the recommendation to oust Mr. Holman, said, "I think what he did was wrong for the third time, no matter what he thinks of the refereeing system.

The Knights' league, the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association, was probably going to "do it to him" (Mr. Holman) anyway, so in effect, Mr. Rylander said, he was saving them some trouble.

The college did not fire the two coaches, but terminated them, Mr. Rylander said. Firing means never talking to a person again. Asked if he would consider rehiring them, Mr. Rylander said he would "re-evaluate (the situation) after the season."

Mr. Rylander coached basketball for about the first 10 years of the college. As far as coaching the current Knights is concerned, Mr. Rylander said he knows the players but does not know their strengths and weaknesses.

Guard Paul Blakely said he was "sorry to see Steve and Bob go. I liked them and most of the players liked them."

Students question Peterson

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

ST. CATHARINES — Despite funding problems, society cannot lose its quality of education to compensate for larger numbers of students, Ontario Premier David Peterson said at Brock University last Tuesday.

"I say we can have both," he said, calling the minds of the people the most precious resource.

The demand to hear the first Liberal premier of Ontario in more than 40 years was so great that the scheduled question and answer period had to be moved to the Playhouse to make room for everyone who wanted to take part.

Mr. Peterson answered questions ranging from waste sites to Tunagate.

The most contentious issue was the proposed dump site at West Lincoln by the Ontario Waste Management Corporation.

"I sympathize with people in this area but it's got to go somewhere," Mr. Peterson said.

FAIR CHOICE

The decision to build at West Lincoln is a reasonable and fair one because of Dr. Donald Chant's impeccable credentials and the research put into all aspects of its construction —

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DAVID PETERSON

Sorbara opens services helps disadvantaged youth

By GARY BELLINGER
Staff Writer

The importance of helping disadvantaged young people and having people trained with new skills was underlined by Gregory Sorbara when he came to Niagara to open three new college services last Tuesday.

The official openings of the Niagara Career Youth Centre, the Ontario Skills Development (OSD) Office and the new French Languages Lab gave the minister of both Colleges and Universities and Skills Development a chance to state the provincial government's desire to better the job enviroment to give disadvantaged people an opportunity to work.

"We will never be satisfied, must continue to reach out and do more," Mr. Sorbara said. "We must never be complacent or satisfied that we have spoken to all of the kids. Some kids feel so alienated from society that they just say no to society."

Mr. Sorbara was welcomed to the Youth Centre by Jacqueline Robarts, college president, who said the college is dedicated to assist young people entering the job market. Those attending included William Ford, chairman of the Board of Governors, and the St. Catharines mayor, Joe McCaffery.

REAL OPPORTUNITY

"The opening of the Niagara Career Youth Centre is an important work and undertaking, since it provides a real opportunity to do more for disadvantaged young people," Mr. Sorbara said.

He described the centre, at 50 Niagara St. in St. Catharines, as one of the most effective programs of its kind, really responsive to the realities of young people.

It is part of the Futures program which is designed to break the no-win cycle many young people find themselves in, to help them find a job and hold on to it.

Mr. Ford said tomorrow's leaders come from today's youth and Niagara College will make sure the the centre's program is a huge success.

OPENS OSD

In the afternoon, Mr. Sorbara opened the Ontario Skills Development (OSD) Office at the Welland campus. Mr. Sorbara said he was delighted to be at the opening of the office which has been operating since October as part of the Ontario Training Strategy (OTS).

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Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College, and Gregory Sorbara, minister of colleges and universities, took part in the openning ceremonies at the Niagara Career Youth Centre in St. Catharines last week during Mr. Sorbara's visit to Niagara College.

Photo by Maureen Martin

Roughin' it

Winterfest 87 open, SAC events fill week

Tickets, to both the Niagara College Theatre Centre and the on-campus Teenage Head pub, will be some of the prizes awarded at the winter carnival this week — Roughin' it, Winterfest '87. Sponsored by the Student Administrative Council, it is to be held on the Welland campus.

The week will be filled with events starting at 12 p.m. each day. The carnival will open Monday with an ice skating rink outside the Black Walnut building, providing the weather is good. The theme for Monday is "skate to music" and the rink will be open all week.

Tuesday will be a "build your own sled and race it" contest with one person pulling as the other person rides in the homemade sled.

On Wednesday, snowmobile races, a football game and a baseball game are scheduled while on Thursday there will be a nail-driving contest and snowshoe races.

Events for Friday had not been scheduled at press time and a grand prize, which has not been decided, for the best overall performer, will be awarded at the end of the week.

"We're hoping for some class challenges at some of the events. The turnout for previous winter carnivals has been poor" so this year's SAC is trying to promote it as much as possible, Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said.

SAC has had a slow start with the carnival due to "lack of cooperation with the weather," Mike Karges, student representative, said.

Mrs. Flutur said, "If the weather doesn't co-operate, then there will be one day (of events) at the Welland arena.

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The first class to graduate from the bilingual Health Care Aide program is, from left to right: Mathilba Giroux, Jeanne Cherubini, Marie Bartok, Denise Aubry, Diane Coulombe, Josette Podence, Irene Chernish, Lisette Menard.

Photo by Martin Pokol

In the same graduating class is, from left to right: Monique Touzin, Therese Montpellier, Rejeanne Demontigny, Yvette Houle, Pauline Rivando, Jeannet St. Pierre, Francoise Cloutier, France Turgeon.

Photo by Martin Pokol

First bilingual grads in Health Care Aide

The first bilingual class graduated from the Health Care Aide bilingual program, in a ceremony including 11 students from the Home Support program at Mount Carmel campus Feb. 13.

"There is a need for a bilingual staff in nursing to aid the elderly," Claire Moccio, administrator of French Language Services, said.

The 20-week program started at Mount Carmel in October.

The Home Support Program is offered to women who have been out of the work force for three or more years and have a Grade 9 education.

Training includes cooking, care for the aged and handicapped, and budgeting.

The Home Support person helps people in their homes by doing the cooking, laundry, and a little housework, rather than having the person institutionalized," Olivia Harvard, instructor, said.

"There is a need for this type of work and these students should not have a problem getting a job," she said.

The Home Support class is, from left to right: Elaine Scott, Dorothy Bridgman, Gloria Kingdon, Karen Orth, Wendy Anthony, Penny Dennis, Laurie Barber, Elaine Monroe, Janice Fox, Barb Nadeao, Janice Sorgenfrei.

Photo by Martin Pokol

Robarts, Ford attend meeting

An annual conference of community college administrators in Toronto produced "an opportunity to have new ideas presented and to share various things going on in the colleges," Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

The meeting for college presidents and members of the boards of governors, was attended by William Ford, chairman of the Niagara College Board of Governors, and other members of the board.

The theme of the conference was Global Horizons and was attended by more than 200 people from Ontario's 22 community colleges. Among the guest speakers were Ontario Treasury Minister Robert Nixon and Minister of Colleges and Universities Gregory Sorbara.

COLLEGES IMPORTANT

Mr. Nixon, speaking at, the opening on Wednesday night, talked of the importance of the colleges in the Ontario economy. He talked about former Youth Commissioner Ken Dryden's report on youth, stating that the province has to invest in its youth and to cut down on youth unemployment.

At a Thursday luncheon, Mr. Sorbara said there is a need for more industrial training in the province and talked about changes in the governance of the boards of governors.

The conference was held at the Sheraton Centre from Feb. 11-13.

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Carri on board, Kathleen too busy

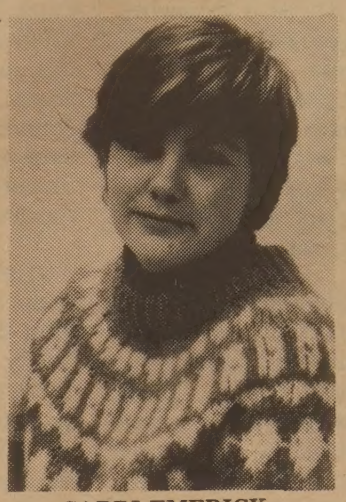
Carri Emerick, Student Administrative Council vice-president of internal affairs, will represent students on the Board of Governors, not SAC president Kathleen Harvey.

Kathleen felt she had too many other commitments. The SAC meeting last Monday was told Carri would take over instead.

"Carri did not originally express interest in representing the students because she thought I really wanted to do it and she felt the president should be the representative," Kathleen said after the meeting.

"Carri has done a lot for the students and she is fully capable of representing the students. Her job is the busiest on the council."

Carri will not be allowed to vote on the board or attend in-camera meetings, but she will be able to voice student concerns on any issues and be part of the deciding committees.



CARRI EMERICK

4 members on board

Four new members have been named to join the Board of Governors. Although the paperwork is not complete the observers named are Carri Emerick, David Abraham, Lawrence Wells, and Ivar Noren.

The Student Administrative Council, locals 242 and 243 of the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union and the Administrative Staff Association made their final decisions after the Feb. 13 deadline.

Carri will represent SAC at the Board of Governors meetings.

The faculty, local 242, will be represented by Mr. Abraham, from the mathematics department. The support staff, local 243, will be represented by Mr. Wells, from the computer department. The ASA will be represented by Mr. Noren, chairman of mathematics, office administration and part time studies division.

Joan Hastings, president of local 242, said their decision was delayed until last week because "we wanted to meet with the chairman of the board and the president to clarify the guidelines."

Gregory Sorbara, minister of colleges and universities, announced last month that students, faculty and staff would be allowed to sit on college boards of governors.

Minister, Chairman attend

Gregory Sorbara, Ontario minister of colleges and universities joins William Ford, chairman of Niagara's Board of Governors at the official opening of the Niagara Career Youth Centre in St. Catharines Feb. 17.

Photo by Pat Barevich

$187,000 given

Library, signage to get facelift

The $187,000 given to Niagara College by the provincial government last December for renovations and which must be spent by March 31, is "almost gone," Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, said.

"We've left ourselves a small amount in case something comes up but the rest has been spent or will be spent soon," Mr. Spittle said.

The money is being used strictly to improve areas of the college and take care of some important projects which have "been on the back burner" for some time.

One project is the installation of new building-identification signs. Mr. Spittle said the college has been criticized because visitors have trouble finding their way around campus so the Board of Governors decided that $65,000 of the funds should go towards new signs.

"It was looked into three years ago," he said, "but a proposal from an agency was too costly at the time so it was put off." The college is asking for tenders.

A year ago, the college insurance company informed the plant and property office that the chillers, which provide air conditioning through the college, should be overhauled. They are close to 17 years old and very expensive so if they fail it could cost the college $250,000 to replace them, Mr. Spittle said. The overhaul will cost close to $20,000.

Close to $14,000 was given to the St. Catharines campus to create five new classrooms. A large space was divided up to form the rooms. "It made the space more useful for everyone," Mr. Spittle said.

A boiler at the Horticultural Centre was repaired for $2,600.

Twelve hundred and twenty feet of gutter around the roofs of the Hennepin and Mackenzie buildings is rusting out and must be repaired now or replaced in the summer.

"The two buildings were supposed to be temporary but have been standing for 18 and 19 years now," Mr. Spittle said. "Instead of taking the roof off to get at the area in need of repair, a rubberized cement material which should last between 10 to 15 years is going to be put in." It will cost close to $40,000 and will create jobs in the community.

Renovations to be made in the library could cost more than $20,000. The study pits will be filled in and the carpeting must be replaced since it is deteriorating. Trish Labonte, head librarian, said the library may have to close on Feb. 27 before study week and possibly over the break as well. She said any students who need materials from the library for assignments are advised to come in and get them early if possible.

Mr. Spittle said an office suite will be created for personnel in social services, some existing space in S108 will be rearranged and a concrete ledge which is taking up much needed space in S207 will be removed. The combined cost for these projects will be close to $20,000, he said.

To close library

The library may be closed Feb. 27 before Study Week and possibly during the break as well, Trish Labonte, head librarian, said.

Any students who need materials from the library for assignments are advised to come in and get them early, she said. Renovations including filling in the study pits and laying new carpeting may make it impossible for the library to operate normally.

Awareness needed for French programs

Niagara College must increase its programs to francophone students and reach more people, Claire Moccio, administrator of French Language Services, said. Increasing francophone postsecondary programs at the college is definitely a main concern.

Mrs. Moccio was commenting on the Churchill Report, an educational study on the problems of the francophone community. "We must try to increase our contact with students at the five French high schools," she said.

The report had said that with the exception of three colleges not including Niagara, community colleges show no sign of recognizing in any way that the province has a Franco-Ontarian population with specific needs.

Niagara College is supposed to serve the French high schools in the southwestern part of the province, but not many students even realize the college offers French and bilingual programs, Mrs. Moccio said.

To increase their awareness, the French Language Services has sent surveys to high school students, asking them what they would like to take and their general interests.

Mrs. Moccio said more programs are needed at the college, not all at once, but possibly one a year. The college must find out "what the trend is" towards programs. If French students at the college are enrolled in a business administration course in English, then the need is there for the program in French, that way francophones can have a choice.

An increase in francophone literacy programs, adult training courses, and the number of interest courses — accounting, human relations, computer — is a concern, too.

Programs for the francophone community are "unbalanced;" there are more than 300 programs in English compared to only 66 in French. Mrs. Moccio would like francophones to have the "same opportunity" as non-francophones.

No more trouble for buses

Welland Transit bus drivers have had no problems manoeuvering their buses through the driveway of parking lot E since Niagara College started towing illegally parked cars off college property three weeks ago.

Cars had been cluttering the road and blocking the buses and fire routes which created a safety hazard for buses passing by cars and pedestrians.

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Editorials

Many choices for break

Spring break, March break, study week, whatever you want to call it, is coming soon.

According to some people, it is really called study week, but how many people actually study during this time?

For some people, study week is a lifesaver, it gives them a full week in which to do nothing but catch up on school work. They are able to study for tests and exams which may be coming or catch up on overdue assignments.

For others, it is a week in which to rest, a time to build up their strength for the weeks ahead. They sleep in every day and get up to lie on the couch and watch soap operas.

For still others it is a time to get down and party, similar to the rest of the year in that respect. It is time to stay up late and sleep in, or maybe not go to sleep at all. It is time to party every night, invite some friends over, grab some beer, and turn up the stereo.

Some people use that week to go away — usually to Florida. Some manage to end their trip to Florida by the time study weeks ends; others don't go back home until two weeks are up.

And the others usually go to visit parents. They make their way back home so they can see their family and friends. They spend all day at one house or another and usually find when the time comes to go back to school, they have only visited half of the people they had wanted to.

So what do you want to do this year during study week? The choices are limitless.

Marlene Nagel

Student body apathetic campus lacks spirit

Despite the continued efforts of the present student council, there seems to be a lingering problem plaguing the college — campus morale.

Why is it that the student population is so unwilling to come forth with any school spirit? There has been no lack of activities sponsored by SAC this year, or last year, either.

Continually, over this school year, posters have been seen across the campus announcing bands, sports events, pubs, comedians and trips arranged by SAC but, more often than not, they have been met by an apathetic response from the student body.

If students want to have a more enjoyable college environment, they are going to have to make an effort to participate in the activities presented to them. People on the student council have been working hard ever since last July but do not always receive the credit they deserve for their efforts.

If students think the college lacks a good social life, the solution lies not with better SACtivity ideas, but with these students changing their apathy to actual participation...that is, if they can stand the excitement.

Gary Bellinger

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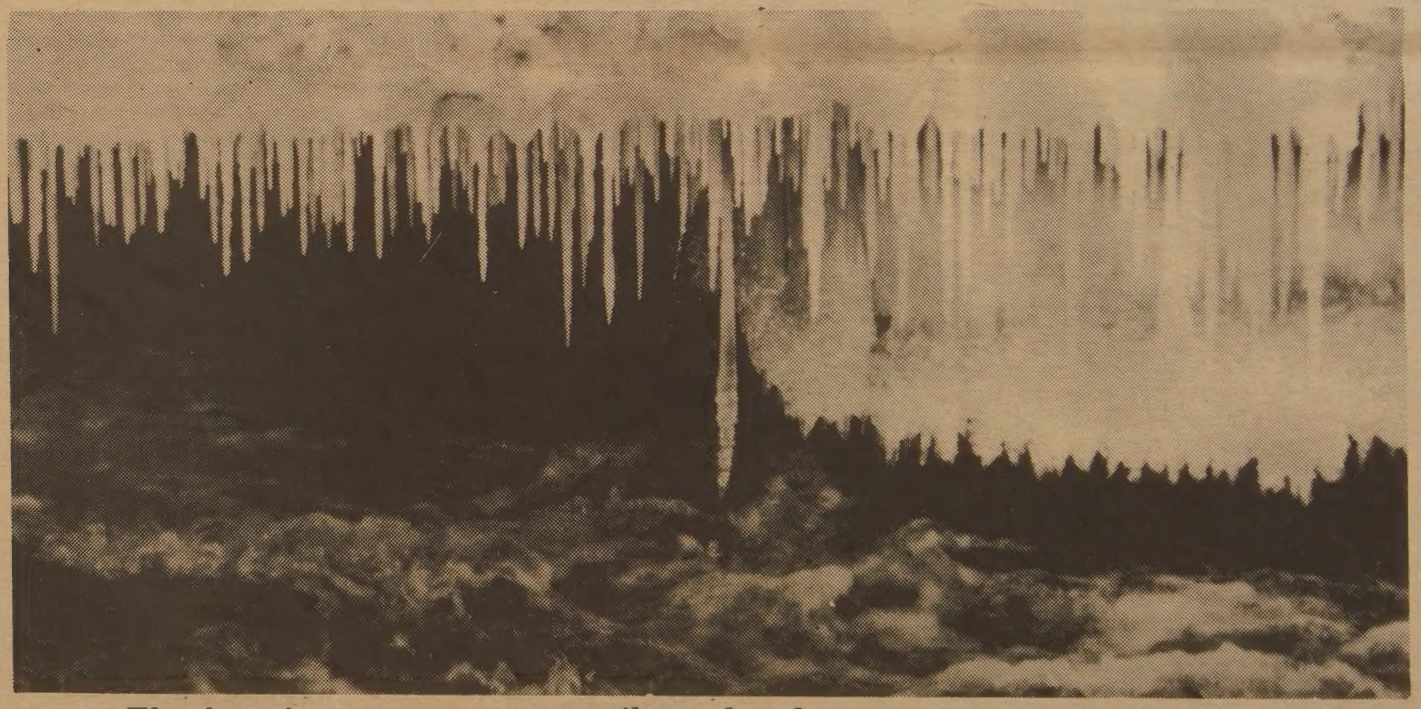

The foaming water races angrily under the crystal ice castles of winter.

Letter

Communication messy business

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in response to Gordon Goulty's comments that the bulletin boards throughout the college are "revoltingly untidy and project a bad image" which appeared in the article Volunteer efforts prove futile, Feb. 16.

From my perspective, the boards are a reflection of a thriving and vital communication process — the only form of communication available to a student population of 3,200 students.

In fact, if the day ever arises when the college bulletin boards are empty , neat and tidy, that is the day for true concern.

Carri Emerick
vice-president of Internal Affairs
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Letters

The Niagara News welcomes letters to the editor on any subject. Writers may use pen names, but their identities must be made known to the editors.

Peterson: *listen to people's views, not polls*

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geography and geology making it a "state of the art" facility.

Regarding the Auto/Pact, Mr. Peterson said his message to Brian Mulroney and free trade negotiators was "Don't touch it."

He called it the "single most important instrument" to all Canadians because it has generated billions of dollars.

Some years the pact has the Canadians ahead and others it doesn't, "if it is opened up, we will make a worse deal."

Asked about the way the media treats him, Mr. Peterson wanted to know which day the questioner was referring to.

Describing his rise to premier, he said there was a sense the Conservative government would carry on forever.

"Nobody, including my mother, thought I had a chance." He called his victory a "happy accident."

ON POLLS

His policy has been to listen to people's views on issues rather than watching the polls.

Polls are "leading to the ruination of the system" for they tell of "yesterday's wants and not tomorrow's needs. People who pander to the polls don't last very long."

"Two of the saddest things to happen to me," Mr. Peterson said regarding the plight of former cabinet ministers Rene Fontaine and Elenor Caplan, both of whom had to resign after allegations of conflict of interest. He blamed their situation on lack of attention to detail by both ministers.

"The world we live in now has a scrutiny never seen before" and there is nothing politicians do that isn't public, he said.

The two ministers were dealt with expeditiously and openly and no decision has been made as to whether they can return to their cabinet positions.

ON BEER

To the disbelief and laughter of several hundred students in attendance, Mr. Peterson said the campaign to bring beer in the corner stores was "not the most important thing we did."

However it was "symbolic" of a new party with new approaches and he said something still has to be done to change the "archaic" liquor laws.

The subject changed from booze to the bomb and the Ontario government's stance on nuclear bombs and energy.

"Nuclear energy is here to stay," and none of the factories will be closed.

Mr. Peterson added that the government will do its small part to stop the arms race. It is a question of how far the government can go: stopping exports of food to warring nations or slowing the production of steel.

The most recent issue raised was the meeting of the premiers over the Cod Treaty with France.

Mr. Peterson said he saw confederation at work when the premiers came to the aid of Newfoundland premier Bryan Peckford. But he did not want to set a precedent that every time something went wrong, the premiers would "gang up on the federal government."

The question period started and ended with laughter. The last person asked about the possibility of Mr. Mulroney helping Larry Grossman to campaign for him.

"I love it," Mr. Peterson replied. "I guess he needs all the help he can get."

The first questioner asked when he planned to call an election; and he responded, in the next three years, to laughter.

Focus on New Beginnings

Student at 65, just starting

By MAUREEN MARTIN
Staff Writer

Retirement is the beginning of the end. A person who stops working is no longer able to learn or be a useful member of society.

Muriel Quinn, 65, of Welland, disagrees. "Being retired is fantastic!"

Mrs. Quinn, tanned from a recent Caribbean cruise, is a student at Niagara College. She is taking everything from painting to Mysteries of the Maya.

Most of the art courses are graded according to the work done. "Mysteries of the Maya is the only one with exams. If I pass I may enrol full-time." She would like to continue in the visual arts.

Free

After about 30 years at Metropolitan Life, Mrs. Quinn, then 63, was offered an early retirement as part of the company's reorganization.

"I was happy to take it," she said. "Now if anything comes up I'm able to go — I'm free."

When she started night school about 25 years ago, she balanced one academic subject and one craft. Mrs. Quinn has been taking everything from oil painting to woodworking.

"I'd probably still be in woodworking if they hadn't raised the fees," she said.

Mrs. Quinn has always enjoyed learning, but while in high school, she took only commercial courses and anything related to business. She regrets that the course had such a narrow focus.

Getting older provides some advantages for learning since many places will offer special rates for people over a certain age.

At Brock the magic age is 60. "I turned 60 on Sept. 4 and by the 9th I was registered at Brock," she said. For the last five years she has been taking religious studies, which she uses when she teaches Sunday school at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Welland.

Teaches

She teaches teenagers and believes there is no such thing as a "dumb teenager." With the advent of television, "12-year-olds are more advanced than I was. You have to stay one step ahead of them."

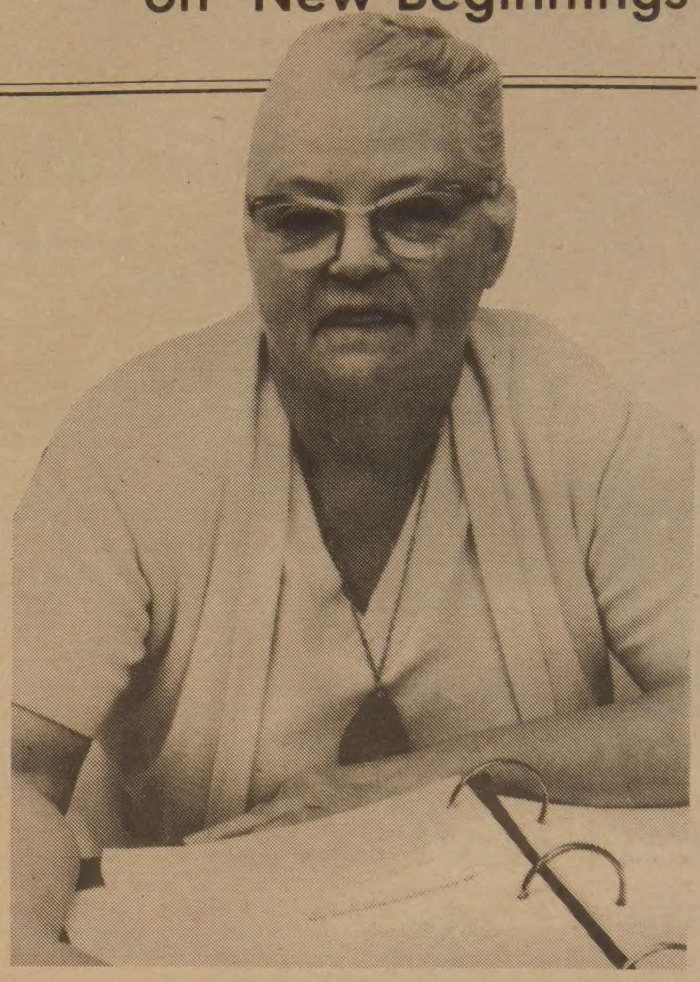
The best thing to happen over the years has been the ability to talk about sensitive topics. "Today there is such a freedom of speech — I think it's wonderful."

For example, children who suffered abuse can talk about it and know they are not alone.

Another area open for discussion is sex education, which is good because "forewarned is forearmed."

"The only thing intriguing to young people is what is not talked about. Openness is best."

Mrs. Quinn believes in "holistic education. I believe in education in any subject."



MURIEL QUINN

For many years she "waited for a chance to get back to school — it's so interesting." Her goal was to get into day classes.

"When I was told that a painting class went from 8:30 until around noon, I thought, 'Hot dog!'"

Communicating

There are no problems communicating with the younger students in her classes. "There's no age difference. I can converse with 20-year-olds and there's no problem talking about what we're doing. No one holds back because of my white hair."

There are two or three other older students in her classes and they are just as enthusiastic as those going for credit.

"I'm delighted schools and universities are opened up to us (retired persons) and allow us to continue our education."

The only improvement really needed is making sure women can get into any program they want. "Women were meant to be all sorts of things — painters, writers or archeologists," she said.

"I hear people say, 'What am I going to do when I retire?' There's so much to do — I'll have to live to be 300 to fill them all in!"

College to cruise canal

The Niagara College Canal Cruise is sailing once again. Two separate cruises will be held May 31 and June 1 when the tall ship, Empire Sandy, will travel the Welland Canal.

The cruise had been planned for May 30 and 31, but "the ship had a previous engagement," Shirley Tomovic, development officer with Continuing Education Services, said.

Continuing Education has received a good response to the cruise; about 400 reply forms have been returned and the ship can carry 250 people each way.

"We have a nice size waiting list," Miss Tomovic said. She is sending more information to the people who have expressed an interest in it.

On May 31, the Empire Sandy will travel the canal from Port Weller to Port Colborne. The ship will leave the docks at 8 a.m. and the length of the cruise will depend on the traffic on the canal. The following day it will travel from Port Colborne to Port Weller.

FOOD, TOO

A champagne breakfast, a luncheon buffet, and a barbecue dinner will be served on the ship.

A lecture series has been arranged, beginning May 7, on the historical, nautical and economical factors of the Welland Canal and the St. Lawrence Seaway. The series will run for four weeks prior to the cruises.

A day-long commentary on the famous locks and scenic highlights will be given by Fred Addis. Return transportation back to the point of departure is included.

The cruise is only offered every two years because "we don't want to saturate the market with a cruise every year," Miss Tomovic said. The next cruise to be offered will not be until 1989.

"Our experience in the past has been that people have truly enjoyed it (the cruise) and at this point, from the response we have been receiving, it looks like the 1987 cruise will be extremely successful as well," Miss Tomovic said.

For more information contact Continuing Education.

Ice fishing: cold catch for the day

By MARTIN POKOL
Staff Writer

What else can a person do on a winter's day with temperatures dipping well below the freezing mark but go ice fishing.

Jordan Harbor, near Prudhommes, is a popular fishing hole for area fishermen.

"I fish all over the place; I fish on the Grand River in Fort Erie, on the Welland Canal near Ramey's Bend, and here on Jordan Harbor," Ed Rooker said. "I have lots of time to fish now that I am retired."

Perch

Mr. Rooker and his fishing buddy, Lou Thomson, caught more than a dozen perch, but kept it quiet because they did not want the news to travel to other fishermen.

If the other fishermen knew they were catching fish they would be drilling holes into the ice with their six-inch augers which would scare away the fish and no one would catch any fish, Mr. Thomson said.

All of the fishing huts used on the harbor are privately owned, John Meeboer, a part-time worker at Campbell's Boats, said. "Last year we (Campbell's Boats) used to rent the huts to the fishermen, but the harbor froze late this year and we did not bother."

Campbell's Boats is a marina located on the edge of the harbor giving fishermen a last chance to pick up some fish hooks or an extra ice fishing rod, and, for $2, it is a good safe place to park the car before walking a quarter mile onto the ice flow.

Weekend

Last weekend there were at least 150 ice fishermen on the harbor fishing, because it was sunny and warm, but today there are about 40-50 men out fishing, Mr. Meeboer said.

Charles Sodtka, of Lowbanks, has been fishing for more than 40 years. Warming his hands over a charcoal warming pot while watching six fishing lines, he said. "I was fishing in Lake Simcoe yesterday and caught 100 perch; today, just a couple of bites."

Ice fishing is fun and it is good to be outside in the fresh air. The only thing to do at home is to watch the idiot box, he said.

He said someone claiming to be from the Ministry (the environment ministry) was down in the morning and said that they were taking toxicity samples of the fish in Jordan Harbor, Mr. Sodtka said. He said it was safe to eat an unlimited quantity of fish from the harbor.

Packing it in after cold day of ice fishing

It takes about five minutes to drill a hole into the foot-thick ice, and about 20 to 30 minutes to set up camp."

Two teachers from Kernahan Park Secondary School, St. Catharines, set up a Outers' Club for some of their pupils. A different trip outdoors is planned for the club's 10 members.

"We have a nucleus of 10 good guys who participate in our outdoor activities," John Castle, a woodworking instructor, said.

Some of these youths are shy and introverted and the purpose of the club is to give them some social awareness, he said.

The next trip being planned is a hike along the Bruce Trail, Gene McBride, a special education teacher, said.

"This is a good bunch of guys, they have to be pretty tough to come out in this freezing weather," he said.

Smoking committee meeting

Hans van der Slagt, dean of business, said the first meeting of the smoking committee will take place this week.

Mr. van der Slagt, committee chairman, expects the committee to meet about once a week and hopes to have a smoking policy for the college worked out by the middle of April.

There has been good response from both smokers and non-smokers towards membership on the committee, he said.

The committee will look at the policies of other colleges for a framework in forming a policy fair to both smokers and non-smokers.

Dr. Janusz Aleksiejuk

New doctor on staff opens Monday clinic

An addition to the Heath Centre staff is Dr. Janusz Aleksiejuk, whose clinic is Monday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Dr. Aleksiejuk worked at Grace Maternity Hospital, Halifax, before moving to Welland two weeks ago to join Dr. Gerry Alexander's practice here.

Originally from Gdansk, Poland, Dr. Aleksiejuk came to Canada seven years ago after a brief stay in the United States. He said he prefers living in Canada because it is similar to European countries.

"It is safe and clean here." He said he likes the cosmopolitan population and the climate in Canada.

Dr. Aleksiejuk thinks he will like working with students because "young people make you feel better and their problems and usually not complicated and diagnosis is easy."

"Students listen if you tell them things and come back for check-ups."

Dr. Aleksiejuk speaks several languages, including English, Polish, Russian and a little German. He started to study English when he came to Canada. He said the accent is easy to learn, not like Hungarian or German.

Thief under watch

Custodians are keeping their eyes open for a person carrying a screwdriver. The reason? Missing Plexiglass schedule covers.

The schedules and covers, screwed to the walls outside the rooms, allow everyone to know when the room will be occupied. It is handy for custodians if repairs are needed in the rooms.

"I noticed they (the covers) were missing two or three weeks ago," Cecil Grypstra, custodian, said. "The schedules were taped in the rooms but many of them were torn down the next day."

To remedy this problem, a carpenter in the maintenance shop made copies of a model schedule cover.

The covers were installed last November to make it easier for students and the custodians.

"The person would have to have a screwdriver to unscrew the covers to take them," he said. "I can't see what purpose they would serve anyone else.

SAC gives pub money

The Student Administrative Council raised $250 for the Niagara Rehabilitation Centre, not $557, as reported in the Feb. 16 edition of the Niagara News.

The $557 was raised at the Valentine's pub held Feb. 11 at the Aqua Duck. Only half of the money was donated to the Rehab Centre.

The money was donated to the Rehab Centre to aid in its campaign to renovate the Centre.

Marcella Pittana and teddy

French teacher Marcella Pittana is shown above, admiring only one of her huge, cuddly collection of teddy bears; she was displaying a part of her teddies at the Welland County Hospital Valentine's Day weekend. She was also autographing copies of her story/coloring book. The money from the books, $4, was donated to the hospital. "I donated $80 (in total) to the hospital; it was not much, but it was something," she said. The main character of the book is Vagabond Teddy. "I like to think Vagabond Teddy has a heart," Mrs. Pittana replied when asked why she displayed her collection and books. Her book is doing well, and plans for a bilingual story/coloring book may be published at a future date. "I've achieved a dream."

Photo by Donna Morrison

Flea market has treasures, collectors of oddities in bliss

By ANNE GABLE
Staff Writer

FLAMBOROUGH, ONT. — It's pretty cold there now, as it has been every Sunday at 8 a.m. when Kate and Dave Trundle arrive to prepare their flea market for its regular Sunday opening.

The flea market, housed in what was once McLaren's Pickles factory, is filled with all the collectibles and other people's junk that make a collector of oddities sigh in bliss.

Kate and Dave have owned the Millgrove Flea Market, on No. 6 highway, for six years and they love it because, they say, it's a challenge.

"We bought it with a couple of friends because we were just looking for something new to do and the market came up for sale."

Surprise

Shivering, as the heater slowly started to combat the negative 28 degree weather, they walked around the market describing some of the people, and the things people just love to collect.

Set off in a corner is a stall containing an enormous array of discontinued beer cans. Some go for as much as $100. Barbed wire is also a popular item.

"There are different patterns and people collect the ones hardest to get," they said.

Most of the market dealers have been there longer than Kate or Dave have, selling things that to some people might look like junk but could be a treasure trove. Kate said the most interesting dealers are those who look as if they have only junk on their tables — they come up with the most interesting surprises.

Everything

Dealers sell everything from antiques and refinished furniture to china and baby quilts.

Dave and Kate monitor new prospects for booths. "The market is just not big enough for several people to be selling the same article."

"We can have a lot of different people selling glass or china, it's easy to be different with the older stuff, but the newer stuff brought in is all the same and has to be monitored."

Personally, Kate and Dave sell refinished furniture, occupying 2,500 square feet of the 13,500 square feet available. They used to sell unfinished furniture but then their competition started to refinish and to compete they followed.

During the summer in good weather, booths are set up outside the main building and people hold little garage sales. Some come just for one day, but others are there all summer when the range of articles is even more extensive, Kate said.

Only 25 cents for each adult admission with free parking and free admission for children, it is a cheap and entertaining way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Within three months of an article being released in the stores it can be found at the flea market, usually cheaper.

Hoping

Dave and Kate, originally from Bristol, England, came to Canada to stay for two years before going to Australia. But they got caught up in a life here.

After 14 years of owning gas station stores, Kate and Dave bought the flea market because it was a change for them, "something new."

They are still hoping to reach Australia but only when they are tired of meeting the "various and interesting people who come to the market."

Women's funds

Employment grant has 'strings attached'

Niagara College is eligible to apply for employment equity grants, but there are "strings" attached, Bette Ferguson, director of student services and adviser to the president on affirmative action, said.

The program, spread over three years, will provide funds to "increase the representation of women across all levels in colleges," Mrs. Ferguson said.

The availability of the grant was announced last month by Gregory Sorbara, minister responsible for women's issues.

However, there are "strings attached" to the grants. The college must contribute set amounts of money to the program, she said. This amount increases each year.

The college has not "quite" decided whether to apply. Becoming involved in the program would mean "committing the college to money we may or may not have."

"Niagara already has a good human resources development policy," Mrs. Ferguson said. There is a good proportion of women in faculty and administration, but women are needed in the areas of technology, business and academic administration.

It is easy to say more women will be hired, but "how can you consider them (women) if they don't apply?" Mrs. Ferguson said.

Bette Ferguson

All the pay systems in place — support staff, faculty and adminstration — speak to equal pay for work of equal value."

"Jobs are changing and as jobs change, roles will change, too," she said. This will mean more women in areas traditionally held by men.

"Women will not be hired just because they apply — they must have all the other qualification."

If accepted, the funds could be used for such programs as the collection of data on the position of women to men in colleges or training workshops for women.

A natural breakwater

The record low temperatures that plagued the Niagara Region last week formed a natural ice barrier between Port Colborne and Lake Erie. The Port Colborne harbor has frozen over bringing residents outside to ice skate, ice fish, and to drive their all-terrain cycles on the 14-inch thick ice.

Photo by Martin Pokol

Handicapped must walk

The illegal parking situation at Niagara College has not been as bad in handicapped areas, but for violators it is "morally worse," Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, said.

Some staff and students with handicapped parking permits have been forced to park illegally since the spots are being taken by illegal p rkers. Sherri Rosen, co-ordina or of labor studies, who has a foot injury, said she has been forced to park illegally when all the spaces are full. Asked if more spots were needed, she said, "It wouldn't hurt; it's not a bad idea."

Sindy Ammendolia, a switchboard operator, needs a spot because she is pregnant. She said she has never been forced to park illegally but has had to park elsewhere when the handicapped spots were full. "The college issues enough spaces for everyone who needs them," she said. "If five more spots were designated for handicapped people, it would just give five more people illegal spots to park in."

Frank Ciccarelli, instructor in the School of Technology, said that he no longer needs a space but when he did, he never had any trouble finding one. "There was always room."

MAY TOW

Although no cars have been towed from handicapped spaces, Mr. Spittle said offenders are ticketed every day. "If we're forced to tow, we will tow since we're not prohibited from doing so."

There are 21 designated handicapped spaces at the college, but the number changes all the time, depending on the need, Mr. Spittle said. "Some people have accidents and need a handicapped space for a short period of time. If we need more spaces to accomodate them, we create more."

Mr. Spittle said a new space was created last fall at the east end of the Mackenzie Building for a handicapped student who needed easy access to the building for an afternoon class.

To be eligible to park in a handicapped space, a person must bring a doctor's certificate stating he or she must be able to park close to the buildings and should not walk far for medical reasons. A parking permit must be obtained from the plant and property office and displayed on the car before it is legal.

Teenage Head to spark student response at pub

The Roughin' it, Winterfest '87 on-campus pub Feb. 26 will feature Teenage Head, a well-known Toronto band.

The Student Administrative Council has been having trouble getting people to come to on-campus pubs. The last pub on-campus which featured a lip sync contest was the first big success. By featuring a well-known band the council is hoping to get a lot of students interested in attending the pub.

"If there is not a good turnout at this pub there will be no more on-campus pubs," Colin Reid, social convener, said.

There will be a $4 cover charge for advance tickets and a $5 charge at the door.

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At Woodlawn Across from Niagara College

Tom Fowler, Rosemary Simpson, and Richard Cameron, volunteers for St. John Ambulance, administer first aid to Harold Christian, victim of a mock accident. The St. John Ambulance team is immobilizing Mr. Christian's right side because he is supposed to have a broken hip.

Photo by Martin Pokol

Welland may lose division

St. John Ambulance needs volunteers

By MARTIN POKOL
Staff Writer

St. John Ambulance may lose its 46-year-old Welland division because too few new volunteers are joining.

Community support has dropped to only six active members in the brigade. These six members do more than 1,000 hours of volunteer work in the community.

"I was brought into this world to help other people," Tom Fowler, a volunteer for 27 years, said.

"The community is only as strong as its volunteers," Margaret Hudak, Health Science Educator, said. "It's strength and its quality of life are very dependent on its volunteers.

"Our society needs this service, but how much can six people do?" she asked.

Mrs. Hudak said every agency, including the United Way, is being touched by the apathetic feeling that has affected St.John Ambulance.

Deploring loss of commitment to helping one's neighbor, she said, "I do not want to see a very bad disaster or a war to reawaken that awareness."

Some tournaments, soccer, motorcycle races and the Niagara Regional Exhibition need the St. John Ambulance to be there for insurance purposes; otherwise, there can be no function.

Historical

Historically, St. John Ambulance comes from England and is a member of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. It is the oldest order of chivalry founded in AD 639 by Brother Gerard during the Crusades. At the time its members were all royalty, like Richard the Lion Hearted.

After the Crusades, royalty and the monks thought the people should know how to take care of themselves and others, and taught them, always updating techniques to meet the times. This philosophy has not changed.

One early technique of artificial respiration was to pour hot pitch on the victim's chest causing him to gasp for air. Another was to lay him over a horse with stomach across the saddle; the horse's movements forced air into his lungs, Mr. Fowler said.

Mrs. Hudak said, "The focus of the charter is basically to promote health and welfare in our own country and abroad."

Opportunities

There are a lot of opportunities for young people in St. John, such as university and college scholarships at graduate and undergraduate levels. There are certain achievements that a cadet can receive; the Prior's Badge is presented by the lieutenant-governor.

"It gives the member a sense of responsibility to himself/herself and to others; it's a commitment to the community," she said. The quasi-military format lets members develop their leadership skills.

Mrs. Hudak said St. John has been named the official group to provide first aid care to the public at the winter Olympics in Calgary next year. The division in Calgary is asking for any trained experienced volunteers to go and help.

Four years ago, St. John moved its offices to 70 Elm St. renting two rooms from the Optimists and Jaycees Clubs. It is called St. John House.

At the beginning of St. John in Welland, the organization met in basements or at City Hall, then the Hungarian Hall, the fire hall; there was no stationary point of reference, Mr. Fowler said.

Classes have grown by 100 per cent since an administrative secretary was hired and St. John House was established, Mrs. Hudak said.

"Children between the ages of 11 and 18 can join as a cadet. They are taught basic first aid and how to take care of themselves and others in the family. There are first aid competitions that the cadet can enter; this year's annual review will be held in Hamilton with Lincoln Alexander (the lieutenant-governor) attending."

St. John House has four active teachers who teach the general public, industry annd students the basics in standard first aid, emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), baby sitting, family health, courses on preparing people for retirement, making sure that these people can adapt to this stage in their life.

Techniques

A panel of doctors and surgeons at the provincial and national levels reviews the care and teaching techniques used by St. John Ambulance.

"We are teaching the general public, which has no medical background, pre-hospital care," she said. "All the techniques used must be consistent nationally."

First aid is just common sense with the emphasis on safety, Mr. Fowler said.

For further information, please call St. John House at 735-6431 or visit it at 70 Elm St., Welland. Those who would like to request the St. John Ambulance service should do so in writing three or four weeks before the event.

St. John Ambulance
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TFE essay contest

A chance to win $1,500 in an essay contest is being offered to university and college students across Canada who are interested in the trading of products on the Toronto Futures Exchange.

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All entries must be typewritten in English, double-spaced and a minimum of 3,000 words, excluding charts and tables. Submissions should also be accompanied by a brief autobiography.

For more information and an entry form, contact the Niagara News.

Low-cost fast food

The pizza jingle on the radio — 967-1111 — is going to get some competition from first-year tourism students.

Class president Jennifer Allcorn said about 75 per cent of first-year tourism students are going to be involved in making and selling pizzas to raise money for their annual class trip.

The pizzas are all single size and come with sauce, cheese and pepperoni. They cost $10 per dozen.

Students will buy the ingredients from a small private company and make the pizzas themselves. The project began last Saturday and will take place again on March 21 and April 18. They will be delivered the following Monday.

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Calling Earth

Seen at night, looking like a flying saucer about to land, the Skylon Tower in Niagara Falls is a sight to behold on a cold winter's night. The streamers of light are reminiscent of jetstream coming from a jet as it hovers gracefully in the air.
Photo by Anne Gable

Teacher returns to classroom after work on Gold Coin project

Teacher Brian Green is happy to be back in the classroom after two years of working in the Gold Coin project and some months in the Curriculum Development Unit.

Mr. Green said he was "quite amazed at how much he missed the classroom in the 2½ years he was away."

"I was astounded at how much I missed the contact with the students, and still surprised at how much I enjoy being back."

Mr. Green now teaches public speaking, introduction to computers and broadcast journalism.

In 1984 he began working on Goldcoin, a project to develop computer-assisted learning and to investigate some of the areas of interactive video disks for education. The project lasted two years, and resulted in the creation of labs at both the Welland and St. Catharines campuses.

"I was very pleased with the reputation that Niagara was able to develop around the college system for its efforts in computer-assisted learning in that two-year period."

CDU CLOSED

The Curriculum Development Unit has been wound down because of budget cuts and curriculum development efforts are now the responsibility of the individual schools, instead of being centralized under one unit, Mr. Green said.

BRIAN GREEN

Since he came to Niagara to teach English in 1971, Mr. Green has branched out into many different areas. Before becoming involved in Goldcoin he was closely associated with the broadcast journalism program. He acted as co-ordinator of the radio and television program for one year while co-ordinator Larry Taylor was on sabbatical.

Outside the college Mr. Green has worked part time at two local radio stations, CHOW and CHSC. He has also done freelance work with several radio stations including the CBC. He was a guest host on a national program.

TV SERIES

He brought his broadcast experience to the college and produced two educational television series used at Niagara College and several other colleges: Up Your Grammer and Get A Job, a series on employment. He is also co-author of an English textbook, The Bare Essentials.

"My career at the college has been very interesting for me because it has allowed me within Niagara College to do a whole variety of interesting things, I haven't been at all bound by the job to do one thing," Mr. Green said. He said, the college administration and his immediate supervisors have been very flexible.

Save on fitness

Galaxy 2000, 72 East Main St., has a sauna, whirlpool, weight training and fitness programs.

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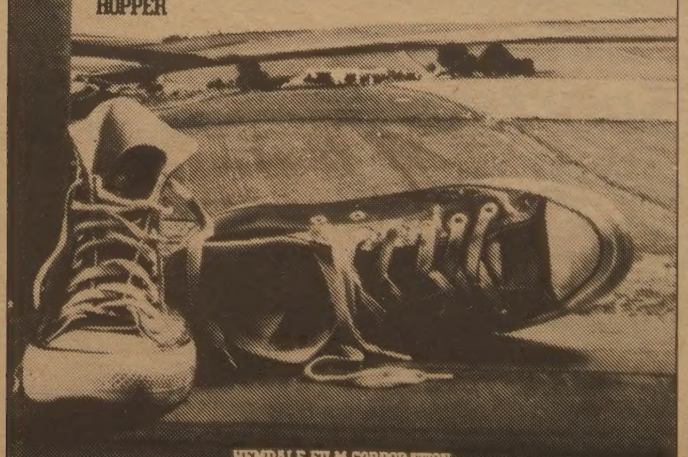

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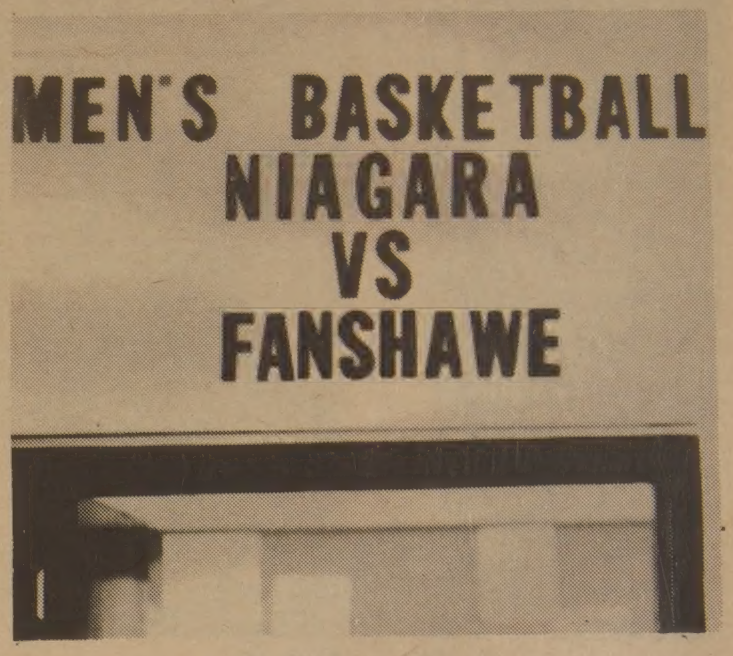
Sports

Badminton team

The badminton team won the men's team trophy and captured second place in the team trophy at Regionals badminton Feb. 6 and 7. The men's doubles team, two-time national champions, and the two men's singles winners will compete in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Badminton Championships Feb. 27 and 28. The team is as follows: back row, left, Tom Peat, Mark Liho, and Mark Nelson; front row, left, Colin Reid, and Shawn Evans.

Photo by Martin Pokol



New sports sign

Since there was not enough exposure for sports and there was a lack of attendance at the varsity games SAC sponsored this permanent sign announcing the games. The sign is located outside the gym because most of the people who are interested in attending the games will be in the gym area.

Photo by Bobbie Storey

Frustration plagues basketball team

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

The frustration continues. The Niagara Knights men's basketball team was destroyed 93-50 by the Mohawk Mountaineers. Their record is 2-14 and they are in last place in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association.

The Knights blamed the poor showing Feb. 12 on a lackadaisical first half in which they were out of the game after the first ten minutes.

"It's frustrating--frustrating for eight minutes to go by and still have only six points on the board," Knight forward Anson Humphreys said.

"They were quick beating us off our feet" and the team was slow moving on defence, Niagara guard Randy Conlon said.

It was not a good half for the team because of poor rebounding, inaccurate shooting and poor defensive play, Randy said.

BETTER THAN SEEM

"We're a lot better team than we've been showing," Randy said. He felt they played better in the second half.

If the team plays the entire 40 minutes, it can be competitive with any team in the league, he said.

Anson was equally optimistic about the future of the team, most of them first-year students.

"It's been a learning season for all of us; next year we can convert and have a good season," he said.

The Knights did not score a point until four minutes into the game when forward Dave Hartmann moved inside the key for a layup. The rest of the half was slow as the Mountaineer team methodically kept beating the Knights' defence with their set plays. At halftime the score was 47-21.

In the second half a series of team fouls coupled with the uneven score contributed to the ejection of Niagara coach Steve Holman with 11 minutes remaining.

Fred Jason led the Knights with 19 points and Gord Bonisteel was next in line with 11 points.

Mohawk high point-getters were Mike Bibby with 21, Manfred Hoyer with 15 and Jerry Babcooke with 13.

Knights play as team in loss under new coach Rylander

TORONTO — Losing by only 17 points to the sixth-ranked team in Canada is not so bad when considering the Niagara Knights men's team lost by 40 points in their last two outings. They were defeated 79-62 by the Humber Hawks last Wednesday.

And with a new coach in Peter Rylander, the Knights have a new outlook for the remaining three games and for next season.

"They're number six in Canada,"Niagara point guard Paul Blakely said. "I feel great. It was a total team effort; not one person stood out and we were well coached.

"If we keep playing at this calibre, we're going places," he said, feeling the first-year team will be "up there" in the standings next year.

Paul said, "With the coaching change, we were finally coming together as a team. We finally want to win."

The Knights had a very strong second half in which they outscored their opponents by three points. With 50 seconds remaining, a last-minute rally by the Knights and a pair of Humber technical fouls broke a 20-point margin in half.

"We missed a lot of crucial shots that could have changed the game drastically," Paul said.

"People started to shoot in the second half," Mr. Rylander said. As always, the main offensive threat for Niagara was Fred Jason with 30 points, hitting 10 for 11 in foul shots. Gord Bonisteel was a distant second with nine points.

But Mr. Rylander equally credited their success in the half to the defensiver efforts of Chris Mudjar, Bryan Main and Anson Humphreys. "They were just tigers out there," he said, citing two or three steals by Anson.

In the first half, the Knights went into a few costly lulls but otherwise kept the first-place Hawks honest by maintaining a 10-point margin for most of the game. The first half was lost by the Knights under the boards, which was the difference in the hard-fought game.

Mr. Rylander said the referees failed to call enough Humber fouls which they deserved.

The Knights' next game is Feb. 27 against the Sheridan Bruins. All of their remaining three games are at home.

Hockey raises $450 for Hansen

The annual charity hockey game between the high school all-stars and the Niagara Knights has raised more than $450 for the Rick Hansen Man in Motion World Tour.

The Jan. 31 game was the fourth between the teams; proceeds go to a different charity each year.

The Knights have won all the encounters which are held at the Welland Arena. The Knights won this year's game 6-5.

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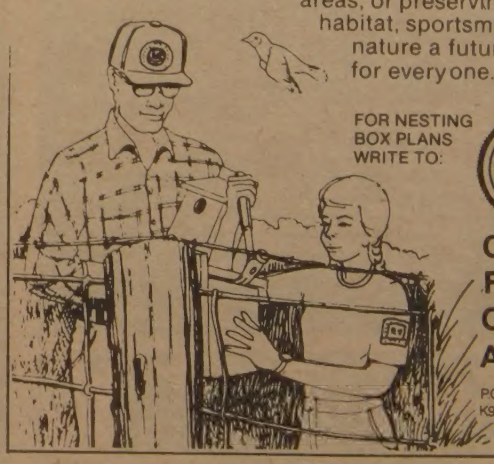

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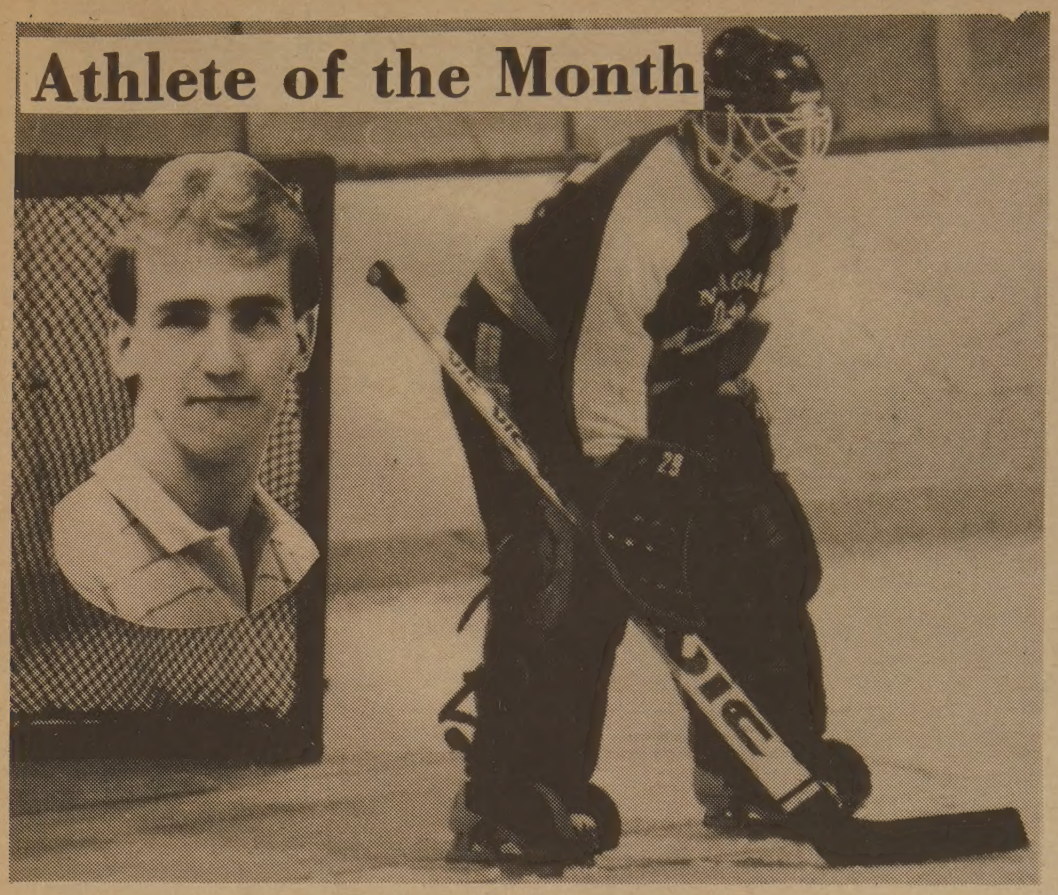

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Niagara goalie Mark Bush was instrumental in the Knights' upset win over the Penn State Nittany Lions Jan. 10 at the Welland Arena. The Knights won the game 8-5. The win helped Niagara stay in the run for the last playoff spot.
Photo by Douglas Ives

Sports

Ex-basketball coach has 'no ill feelings'

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

Steve Holman, former coach of the Niagara Knights basketball team, said there is "no ill feelings" toward Niagara College after his contract was terminated.

Mr. Holman blames his situation on improper officiating during his last game on Feb. 12 against the Mohawk Mountaineers at home. He was ejected for his third time this season, for repeatedly yelling at the referee, despite warnings to be quiet. As an active referee himself, Mr. Holman said it was "quite a state of shock to be thrown out."

Athletic co-ordinator Peter Rylander said assistant coach Bob Bedesky's contract was also terminated, due to a poor rapport with the players.

Mr. Rylander will be the coach for the remaining four games of the season.

UNDERSTANDS

"I understand the college's position," Mr. Holman said. "They acted in my best interest." Otherwise, he said, he would have been suspended for the rest of the year and maybe part of the next. This way he would not have to be involved in the remainder of practices without going to the games.

Mr. Holman said that, prior to the incident, he had the "full intention of returning" next year.

"If offered the job (again) I would take it. I will keep an open mind towards the future and hopefully the people at the college will do that, too."

The Knights with a 2-14 record are in last place and Mr. Holman had one last pep talk with the team.

"Don't get used to losing. Play for pride. Go out on the court and play as hard as you can and never feel like there was more you could have done."

CALLED HIM 'STEVE'

The referee, who called the ejection, knew Mr. Holman and referred to him as "Steve" at the Feb. 12 game and Mr. Holman felt this contributed to his unfair treatment.

"I felt because I am a referee and he is president of the referees I was being administrated to as both a coach and an official."

"Instinctively, he was saying: 'Hey you're a ref, what are you yelling at us like that'."

Another complaint was that Mr. Holman thought his actions — yelling at the referee — did not constitute an ejection but only the first of a possible three technical fouls or warnings, leading up to an ejection. According to Mr. Holman, he should not have been awarded a flagrant technical foul for its purpose is to stop only serious coaching misdemeanors such as throwing a chair, excessive profanity and going on the court.

WANTED ONE

"I wanted to get one technical (foul) to motivate the team," Mr. Holman said. "I stood up for them when they were getting the hell beaten out of them."

Mr. Holman said a referee can give out all the verbal warnings he wants to but "until I get a technical (foul), nothing else means anything."

Mr. Holman plans to follow the remaining home games of the Knights season and said he hopes his presence will not take away from Mr. Rylander's authority.

"Peter feels sorry for me. He knows I'm a good person and good coach. It's an unfortunate situation."

Understaffed Knights team takes thrashing at Mohawk

By DONNA MORRISON
Staff Writer

The teams: the Lady Knights and Mohawk Mountaineers, ranked No. 3 in Canada. The scene: Mohawk College gymnasium, Feb. 17. The result: a solid 94-28 thrashing by Mohawk.

Even before the game Knights coach Mizette Critelli had three objectives: to keep Mohawk under 70 points, to lessen turnovers and to "play with some collectiveness." As the song says, two out of three ain't bad.

"They shouldn't feel badly at all," Mizette said. "We only had six players; they showed a lot of poise on offence."

And the Knights did in the beginning minutes of the first half; the teams were tied at 4-4. But the Mountaineers — with their strong players and excellent defence — accelerated down the court to score basket after basket.

LIKE CHARM

Mohawk's game plan worked like a charm; they quickly expanded the lead to 21 halfway through the first. Niagara was patient on offence, looking for the open path to the hoop; they would take 20 seconds to organize a play, not succeed, and Mohawk would run down the court and score, Mizette said; they had quick and easy baskets.

Mohawk possessed excellent shooting abilities and quickness, shooting from anywhere around the key with a basket guaranteed almost every time.

The Niagara players had their moments though, coming through with good pressure and precise passes for scores; they were playing together as a team under the tough circumstances. Niagara's good defence could not sustain Mohawk's fast break offence.

The Knights took the inside route to the basket when they could and, though the team was successful at times blocking out the inside path for the Mountaineers, Mohawk's confidence in their shooting ability enabled them to hit the outside shots. Mohawk entered halftime with a commanding 44-12 margin.

SOME IMPROVEMENT

Turnovers were not a major factor for Niagara in the game; they only had 23 with nine in the second half, a definite improvement from previous games.

High scorers for the Knights included Charlotte Prevost with 12 and Sue Sbrizzi with six, but all Knights' players were standouts with their combined efforts.

Claudia Delulio and Joanne Laforest had 22 each for Mohawk followed by Tracey Hudson with 18.

Mizette thought the Knights played a better second half, making some important defensive moves, and maintaining tough pressure on the Mountaineers, preventing easy scores. But Mohawk attacked with their tremendous shooting ability, climbing quickly to the 100-mark in the dying minutes.

Niagara gave it their best shot, "concentrating on defence," but unfortunately, did not reach that one objective: Mohawk surpassed the magic 70 mark by the midway point of the second.

The Knights play their last two league games Feb. 27 and 28; they must win both to make the playoffs, but George Brown College must lose their remaining games. Niagara plays St. Clair College in Windsor and continues with Fanshawe College in London.

Fitness test for students

The fitness evaluation test initiated in December but forgotten over the holidays has been resurrected; students and faculty can now arrange appointments to have their fitness level tested by the athletic department.

Four areas will be tested: body composition, including a fat calliper test to determine the individual's desirable weight; cardio-vascular endurance using the step test, which determines the efficiency of the heart and lungs; muscualar strength and muscular endurance with the use of sit ups and push ups; and a flexibility test.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call Judy at ext. 794; students pay only $5.

Men's curling team goes undefeated, wins at bonspiel

The men's curling team took first place in the Glendale Golden Horseshoe bonspiel in the first event going undefeated (4-0) in the bonspiel in Hamilton Feb. 12-14.

Brian Nagy, skip of the rink, said the team feels confident heading into the Western Regional playdowns. "If the Glendale bonspiel was any indication, then we should do well in Windsor."

Niagara's mixed team was in action that weekend, finishing third in its half of the draw at a bonspiel at the St. Catharines Curling Club.

In the first game, the team stealing three points. The team was in the same position in the second game but failed to get a point and lost the game 6-4.

Joel LaPalme, skip of the mixed team, said the team felt ready heading into the regionals and felt it, too, had a good chance to advance to the provincial championships in Thunder Bay March 1-4.

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Sorbara

Wilbert Dick, chairman of Niagara Region, said that as Welland is an urban centre and Niagara College is responsible for training young people, he was pleased that Mr. Sorbara saw fit to establish the OSD office at the college in Welland.

The underlying objective of OTS is to make the Ontario economy more productive. The single most important investment is to enhance the productive capacity of people who run businesses.

"The strategy of the OSD office will be effective because the office is well-run and the training programs are responsive to business and industry," Mr. Sorbara said.

"This office has served over 200 clients and $250,000 has been committed from the OTS budget to provide training consulting service to work with the community." He hoped that other offices would be opened in the area.

"It all boils down to creating in the province a training culture, and upgrading of skills is part and parcel of the business culture."

Gregory Sorbara unveils the plaque marking the official opening of the new French Languages Lab located behind Hennepin Hall. Mr. Sorbara was at Niagara College Feb. 17 when he also opened the Ontario Skills Development Office.

Photo by Pat Barevich

FRENCH LAB

Mr. Sorbara opened the new French Languages Lab, behind Hennepin Hall on the Woodlawn campus, where he chose to remark about his own development in French studies.

"The facilities have become so much more sophisticated and updated since I began some 11 years ago." Mr. Sorbara demonstrated his success by speaking in French through much of this opening.

Mr. Sorbara spoke of the importance that the French languages lab could have on the community and the help that people who take advantage of learning French could receive in doing business in the world.

"The importance of having the ability to communicate effectively in two languages would be magnificent, so important to function in the world today."

Part of the training philosophy that the government is encouraging has been to take young people from "a role of non-participation to full, active, vibrant participation." The goal of the program at the Niagara Career Youth Centre has been to provide more opportunities and avenues for youth to participate.

Hennepin exhibits teachers' art

By KELLY McCALLUM
Staff Writer

They spend their days molding the minds and guiding the hands of Niagara's youth. Their evenings are exhausted with hours of work, applying their talents to their own creations. They are art instructors with the Niagara South Board of Education secondary schools but they are also professional, practising artists.

The efforts of the members of the Art Instruction Associates have been brought together for their "first professional showing in a government-funded gallery," Carol Farrar, curator of the Hennepin Art Gallery, said.

An invitation was extended to all Niagara South secondary school art teachers, and all but two are participating in the exhibit, which began Feb. 6 at the Hennepin Gallery and will end this Friday.

The group hoped that the exhibit "would show the public what we can do on a more professional level," Ms. Farrar said.

If the goal of a professional artist is to capture the viewers' attention to a point where they become lost in thought and emotion, then these artists are more than successful.

The exhibit is "very interesting" and there is a "good variety of styles because of the number of people involved," Fred Habermehl, dean of applied arts and health sciences, said. Mr. Habermehl agreed that it was a "wonderful idea" to bring the teachers' work together this way.

Ms. Farrar, who is an art teacher at Welland High and Vocational School, said the exposure was good not only for the artists but also for the Hennepin Gallery.

The opening of the exhibit attracted 100 people to the gallery. Only 13 people passed through the doors to see the last Hennepin opening, Ms. Farrar said.

This could be attributed to better advertising because there are so many artists involved in this exhibit but, at least, many more people now know that Niagara College has a gallery.

The 21-piece exhibit appeals to art lovers of all sorts. Contributions range from nostalgic country scenes to an interpretation of modern construction. Animal lovers will be mesmerized by Shere Khan the Hunter, a black and white representation of a wild cat in the jungle. The animal's great power and strength seem to leave its place on the wall and find a spot in the viewer's heart. Artist Jim Collacott of Centennial Secondary School in Welland has chosen to keep the enjoyment of his creation for himself — this is one of nine pieces not for sale.

Ms. Farrar also caters to the desires of those who enjoy the abstract. From Within sells for $250 and Futureglimpse for $500. These will be interpreted differently for anyone who looks at them but all will appreciate the energy and vibrancy which come from the works.

The art is excellent and must be seen. "People are generally surprised at the quality of the exhibits," Ms. Farrar said.

Ms. Farrar was responsible for the preparations. Tom Fraser of Niagara College assisted in the organization and helped her to hang the exhibit.

The Hennepin Art Gallery is open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Anyone interested in purchasing any of the pieces should contact Mr. Fraser at 735-2211, extension 699 or Ken Cosgrove in room H12.

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